




Reflect and Connect: Child Development and Learning Series

Content Area: Families

Read and Take Notes

To begin, read the selected article, *Muddy Play. Reflections on Young Children's Outdoor Learning in an Urban Setting*, written by Hannah Fruin and published in the March 2020 issue of *Young Children*. As you read the article, take notes of statements that you agree with, that surprise you, and that you have questions about using the notations in the table below.

I agree with	surprise me	I have questions about
		

Reflect

1. How do you react to muddy or messy play?
2. When and where do the learners in your classroom have opportunities to be messy?

Connect

1. Share your notes and reflections through conversation with your team.
2. Based on your reflections, identify an initial change idea to improve your practice. Make a plan for action.
3. What resources do you need to be successful (e.g., materials, specific information, a thought partner)?
4. How will you and/or others recognize that this change was met and led to improvement?
5. Schedule a time to check back in with your team to reflect, and connect!